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SUBJECT: CEP: NCWA COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS

REF: (A) STATE AIRGRAM A-4276; (B) NATO AC/270(WG/1)WP30

1. REFERENCE A FORWARDED A CONSOLIDATED LIST OF US REQUIREMENTS
FOR INCLUSION IN NICS VOICE SWITCHING SYSTEM. THESE REQUIREMENTS
INCLUDED US-LOCATED NCWA'S.

2. REF B STATED THAT THE REQUIREMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE VARIOUS
NATIONS INDICATED A WIDE VARIATION AND SOME FORM OF STANDARDIZATION
WAS NECESSARY. ACCORDINGLY, SOME GENERAL GUIDELINES WERE ESTABLISHED
FOR NATIONS TO USE IN REDUCING THEIR REQUIREMENTS. PARA 9 OF REF
B STATED THAT NCWA REQUIREMENTS WERE TO BE REVIEWED IN COORDINATION
WITH THE NATO CEP DIRECTORATE.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY, NICSMA FORWARDED A QUESTIONNAIRE TO ALL NATIONS
REQUESTING ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL DATA FOR THE VOICE NETWORK.

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ATTACHED TO THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WAS A REVISED REQUIREMENTS LIST.

THIS REVISED LIST DELETED THE US-LOCATED NCWA REQUIREMENTS
SUBMITTED IN REF A. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMALLY ADVISED THAT THE SCEPC
AGREED TO THIS DELETION FOR THE INITIAL VOICE SYSTEM NETWORK.
WE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT BY THE SCEPC OR BY THE
CEP DIRECTORATE.

4. PLEASE INQUIRE INTO THIS SITUATION WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS
AND ADVISE AS TO WHAT STEPS MIGHT BE TAKEN TO REINSTATE THIS RE-
QUIREMENT. WE FEEL IT IS ESSENTIAL TO INCLUDE US-LOCATED NCWA'S
IN THE INITIAL VOICE NETWORK. WE ALSO BELIEVE THESE REQUIREMENTS
AND THEIR TIMING ARE IMPORTANT POLICY MATTERS WHICH SHOULD BE PLACED
BEFORE THE SCEPC. RUSH

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